**Welcome to year 4**

**What's new in year 4?**

* **A fantastic new classroom**
* **New teachers**
* **Opportunities for leadership: Foundation Stage Buddies, Collective Worship, Sports Leaders, Yoga, Wake-up and Shake up, and Music later in the term**
* **Outdoor and adventurous team building day at Longridge to begin the year.**
* **Swimming lessons in the Summer Term**
* **Fiver Challenge – a business enterprise experience – in the Summer Term**
* **A residential school trip in the Summer Term**
* **A Musical Summer Production**

**Y4 Permitted Classroom Equipment from home**

**Please note that this is a Y4 privilege but optional and all necessary stationery can be supplied by the school.**

* **A reasonably sized pencil case**
* **2 writing pencils, 1 pencil rubber (that is not detachable into multiple parts), 1 pencil sharpener, 1 ruler**
* **Colouring pencils, felt tips**
* **A notepad/rough book (A5 /A4 sized)**

**Curriculum**

* **Formal mornings consisting of maths and literacy**
* **Science and P.E. on Friday morning**
* **Afternoons include topic, R. E, computing, music and singing practise.**
* **House PE Tournaments**

**Reading**

* **Children will continue to have a school reading book and have the opportunity to change their reading books as required**
* **Please continue to read with your child and ask comprehension questions to ascertain understanding of texts.**

**Homework**

* **Weekly– usually a grammar/punctuation worksheet, a written reading comprehension and a maths activity. spelling list**
* **Maths Competencies and Spellings**
* **Occasional topic research/activity**

**Abacus online maths activities will continue to be made available and will be recommended where they are most appropriate. Please continue to use this resource.**

**Spellings**

* **A termly list of spelling will be given at the beginning of each term specifying the spellings for each week. These will be tested the following week.**
* **Spellings will include those following a Y4 spelling pattern practised in class and spellings from the National curriculum list for Year 3/4.**
* **A good score in a single weekly test will result in a bronze class sticker, 2 consecutive good scores will result in a silver class sticker and three in a gold class sticker along with a Spelling Competency sticker in Assembly.**
* **Emphasis is on longterm retention of facts not just short-term retention to pass a test.**

**Times Tables and Maths Competencies**

* **The Y4 online tables test in June will test all tables to 12 x12**
* **There will be a weekly tables test to monitor progress**
* **Tables incentives will include The Mini Mars and Mars Challenges**
* **Use timetables.co.uk for practice (the Multiplication Tables check game is very similar to the national online test)**
* **The Maths Competencies (key maths facts to be learnt) will be provided at the beginning of the year. Pupils request testing when they feel ready.**
* **Emphasis is on longterm retention of facts not just shortterm retention to pass a test.**

**P.E.**

* **Leave kit at school**
* **Outdoor trainers are useful**
* **The school tracksuit is essential for the winter months**
* **Check PE shoes for size each term**
* **Long hair should be tied back**
* **No jewellery is permitted.**

**Middle school visits**

* **We advise you to visit each middle school during the day as well as the evening meetings.**

**Communication**

* **Open door**
* **Through eschools, face to face (preferably at the end of the school day) and termly parents' evening**
* **Your child's happiness and progress are important, please inform us about any significant personal events or problems that may affect your child.**